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MEET HUNS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

LANE TO DECIDE GAS RATE SOON

Interior Secretary Meets Oil Delegation on the Royalty Question.

SIX-CENT VALUE IS ASKED

Request Is Made on Which to Base Royalty Payment of One Cent.

HOLD MEETING WITH SELLS

Commissioner in Conference on Oil and Gas Amendments; Continues Today.

World's Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON. May 5.—Oil and gas lessees consumed the entire day at the interior department today in two hearings, the second of which was not completed and will be continued tomorrow.

The first hearing was before Secretary of Interior Franklin K. Lane, with Indian Commissioner Sells sitting with the secretary, to determine the value of gas at wells on which to base lease royalties.

The gas men asked that the value be set at 6 cents out of which they would pay 1 cent or less. At the close of the hearing Secretary Lane took the matter under advisement and promised an early decision.

The second hearing was really in the nature of a conference between oil and gas men on certain amendments governing oil and gas leases with Commissioner Cain Sells presiding. J. George Wright, superintendent of the oil agency, and Charles C. Brown, director, as assistant oilage superintendent, sat with Mr. Sells during this conference, which was not completed and will be continued in the morning.

AMES MAKES ARGUMENT.

In the first hearing Secretary Lane paid the closest attention to Judge J. Ames, who made the principal argument in favor of Burdette, Blue and Frank Owen, who also spoke.

He also asked several questions of F. P. Fisher of the Ensign Gas & Fuel Co.

Judge Ames explained that two years ago arrangements had practically been completed to set 4 cents as the price with one-sixth or three-fourths of a cent as royalty. Because of the unusual war conditions smelter men agreed to pay royalty of 3 cents and a number of gas companies also met this price.

He declared it impossible to continue paying the royalty when commissioners interrupted to say that the interior department had an offer to continue receiving 3-cent royalties. Judge Ames replied that the government could not make new contracts.

"This matter has passed the trading stage," he said. "It is a question of giving a decision as to gas value on the contracts we hold and the interior department is now judge in the case."

At another time Judge Ames responded. Mr. Sells that the economists were attempting to appear as an attorney for the Usages when his role should be that of an impartial judge determined to do justice to both lessor and lessee.

WOULD MAKE 6 CENTS PRICE.

Frank Owen justified that the price of gas should be set at 6 cents at the wells with 1 per cent royalty, otherwise it would be impossible for the smelters to represent to customers.

Burdette, Blue and Frank Owen said that the Oklahoma Natural did not earn depreciation and amortization charges last year when it paid 6 cents royalty. He also said that his company has no gasoline attraction plant but if it later installed one it would expect to pay royalty on gasoline.

About 10 oil and gas men were at the first hearing, but the number

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PERSHING SAYS OKLAHOMA TROOPS NEEDED AT BREST

World's Washington Bureau.

WASHINGTON. May 5.—General Pershing today cabled to Congressmen Howard and McKeithen of Oklahoma that causal companies 239 to 242 are on duty with the motor transport corps at Brest. Their services, General Pershing declared, are absolutely necessary in the homeward movement of troops and cannot be spared at this time because of the necessity for drivers to operate these trucks. The cablegram was to reply to one from the Oklahoma congressman asking why Oklahoma boys who had spent months at the front should be stopped in Brest for this kind of work.

TULSA GETS PATENT.

WASHINGTON. May 5.—The following patents have recently been granted by Oklahomans, the commissioner of patents announces:

Noah A. Snel, Tulsa, danger signal; James A. Brantley, Sand Springs, mining machine; Samuel D. Howes, Oklahoma City, signal device; James L. Kelley, Nowata, automobile axle truss.

CHICAGO. May 5.—Four youths in army uniform held up the Austin Garage here today and escaped with \$1,150. They overlocked 14,000 in cash and an equal amount in lumber.

County Expected To Give Big Bond Majority Today

THE WEATHER

TULSA, Okla., May 5.—Maximum, 75° minimum, 65° south winds clear; precipitation, 24 inch.

OKLAHOMA.—Tuesday and Wednesday cloudy, scattered local showers in west portion.

NEW ORLEANS.—Tuesday cloudy, scattered local showers in west portion.

Wednesday cloudy, probably local showers.

ARKANSAS.—Tuesday cloudy, scattered local showers.

WEST TEXAS.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers. Wednesday, probably fair, cooler in the Panhandle.

KANSAS.—Showers Tuesday, Wednesday fair, not much change in temperature.

MISSOURI.—Tuesday cloudy, probably local showers.

TEXAS.—Tuesday and Wednesday clouds, probably local showers.

NEW MEXICO.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

IDAHO.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

WYOMING.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

NEVADA.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

UTAH.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

COLOMBIA.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

PERU.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

ECUADOR.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

CHILE.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

ARGENTINA.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

BRAZIL.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

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BOLIVIA.—Tuesday cloudy, probably scattered showers.

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